

forth in paragraph 2 of the Examiner's Office Action letter. Claims 1-4, 13 and 14 are readable on the elected species.

In view of the above remarks, reconsideration of the requirement of a election of species, and action on the merits on all of the claims are respectfully requested.

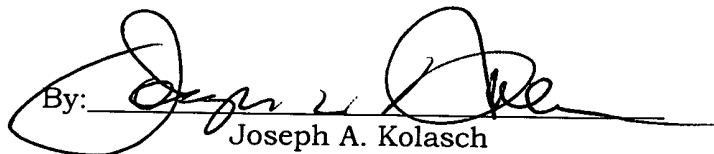
Conclusion

In the event there are any matters remaining in this application, the Examiner is invited to contact Mr. Joseph A. Kolasch, Registration No. 22,463 at (703) 205-8000 in the Washington, D.C. area.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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